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# EXCISE

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INFO OCT-01 AF-12 EUR-20 INT-06 OEP-01 AID-28 CIAE-00
COM-08 FRB-02 INR-08 NSAE-00 RSC-01 TRSE-00 XMB-06
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FM AMEMBASSY TRIPOLI
TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 7582
INFO RUESZTGXAAEMBASSY BENGHAZI PRIORITY 3392
AMEMBASSY LONDON

S E C R E T TRIPOLI 649

SUBJECT : LIBYAN OIL NEGOTIATIONS

REFERENCE: TRIPOLI 637

DEPARTMENT OF STATE A/CDC/MR
REVIEWED BY C DATE 6/22/81
PORTIONS DENIED AS INDICATED

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PORATED INTO DRAFTS FOR EACH COMPANY BY MORNING MAR. 28.

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[redacted] LATE AFTERNOON SPEECH AT TOBRUK INCLUDED MILITANT STANCE TOWARD OIL INDUSTRY BUT NOT DIRECT THREATS OR STATEMENTS THAT WOULD MAKE ANNOUNCING AGREEMENT DIFFICULT. (TEXT IN FBIS). EMBASSY COMMENTS SEPTEL.

3. APPARENTLY BECAUSE OF CONTINUING DELAY IN SIGNING AGREEMENT, ESSO'S PIERCY QUIETLY RETURNED TO TRIPOLI MAR. 28. CARLISLE OF SHELL WILL LEAVE FOR LONDON TOMORROW (MAR. 30).

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4. COMMENT: [redacted] ADMITS THAT ITS THEORY IS OPTIMISTIC EXPLANATION FOR LARGELY CURIOUS PERFORMANCE OF PAST 48 HOURS. WE ALSO NOTE THAT RCC IN PAST HAS NOT EVIDENCED PARTICULAR CONCERN OR ADEPTNESS WITH PUBLIC RELATIONS. [redacted] B4

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